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# St. Marys Entrance – Cumberland Sound and Kings Bay NOAA Chart 11503

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#### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience. but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot) St. Marys Entrance and Cumberland Sound are 16 miles southward of St. Andrew Sound and 19 miles northward of St. Johns River. The sound is the approach to the city of Fernandina Beach, the city of St. Marys, the Naval submarine support base in Kings Bay, and an inland passage to St. Andrew Sound through its connection with the Cumberland River.

Prominent features-Amelia Island Light (30°40'24"N., 81°26'30"W.), 107 feet above

the water, is shown from a 64-foot white conical tower 2 miles southward of the entrance to Cumberland Sound. It is reported that the light is difficult to distinguish above the surrounding tree line during the

daytime. Also prominent from seaward are the homes along the beach 2 to 3 miles south of the entrance, the condominiums about 5 miles south of the entrance, and a 295-foot-high processing tower southward of the entrance, about 0.9 mile 309° from Amelia Island Light. The tower is marked at night by flashing red lights. A lighted 1,500-foot fishing pier at the inner end of the south jetty is also prominent. The smoke from the stacks of the paper companies at Fernandina Beach and St. Marys make them easily visible from all directions.

Channels.—A federal project provides for a depth of 46 feet in the entrance channel, thence 42 feet northward through Cumberland Sound to two turning basins of the same depth in Kings Bay about 9.0 and 10.0 miles, respectively, above the outer ends of the jetties. Turning basins, marked by lighted buoys, are located on the north and south sides of the entrance channel, about 1.7 miles above the jetties, and have project depths of 42 feet. A channel leads from inside the bar southward in Amelia River with a project depth of 36 feet to a turning basin; thence 35 feet through the turning basin; thence 28 feet to a turning basin off Rayonier Wharf, about 5.8 miles above the jetties. In 1992, the project above Seaboard Reach was reported to be no longer maintained. (See Notice to Mariners and the latest editions of the charts for controlling depths.)

Anchorages. – Vessels anchor outside St. Marys Entrance about 1 mile northward of the approach range in about 42 to 46 feet of water, and sand and shingle bottom. Inside the entrance fair anchorage is along the sides of the channels in Cumberland Sound and in the Amelia River according to draft.

Currents.—The tidal currents at the entrance have considerable velocity and are dangerous at times, especially on the flood which generally sets northwestward and on the ebb which sets southeastward except during northeast winds when there is a strong southerly set off the end of the jetties on both tides. It has been reported that this set sometimes attains a velocity exceeding 5 knots. Maximum current velocities are reported to be 2.0 to 3.9 knots in St. Marys Entrance and 1.0 to 2.5 knots in the Cumberland Sound channel. Large vessels are cautioned not to enter the entrance channel before the pilot boards. Freshets in the St. Marys River may cause the ebb to run 7 or 8 hours. Current predictions for Cumberland Sound vicinity may be obtained from the Tidal Current Tables.

North Atlantic Right Whales.-Approaches to the St. Marys River entrance lie within designated critical habitat for endangered North Atlantic right whales (see 50 CFR CFR 226.203(c), chapter 2). The area is a calving ground from, generally November through April. It is illegal to approach right whales closer than 500 yards. (See 50 CFR 224.103(c), chapter 2 for limits, regulations, and exceptions.) Recommended twoway Whale Avoidance Routes have been established in Cumberland Sound to reduce the likelihood of ship strikes of endangered North Atlantic right whales. All vessels are encouraged to use recommended routes when traveling into or out of Fernandina Harbor. (See North Atlantic right whales, indexed as such, in chapter 3 for more information on right whales and recommended measures to avoid collisions.)

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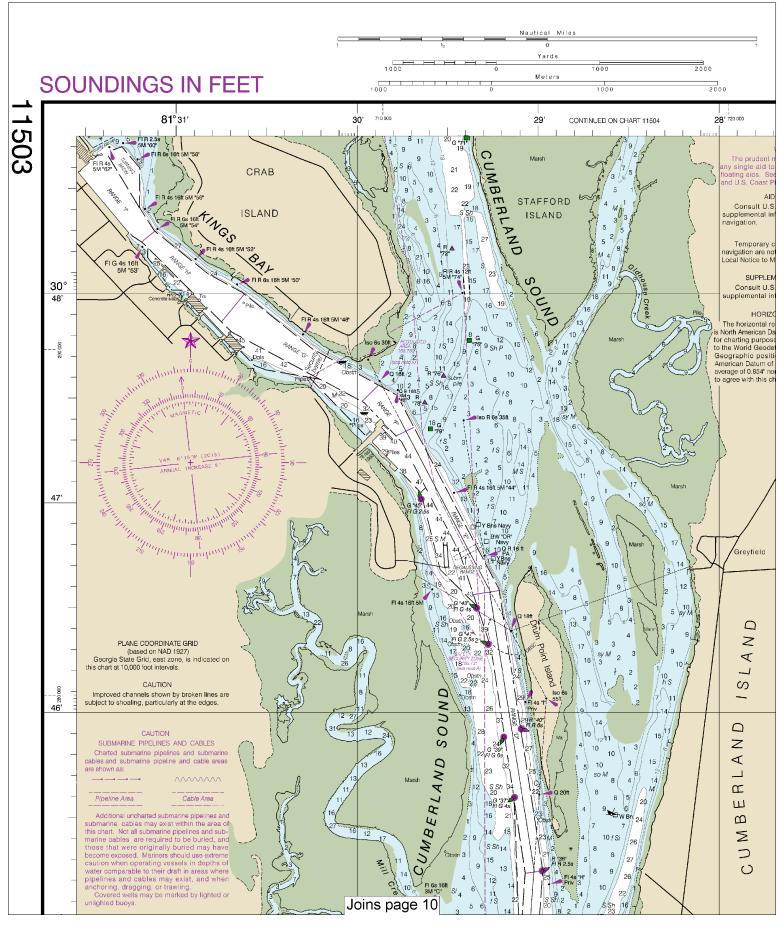
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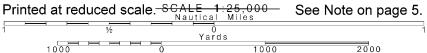
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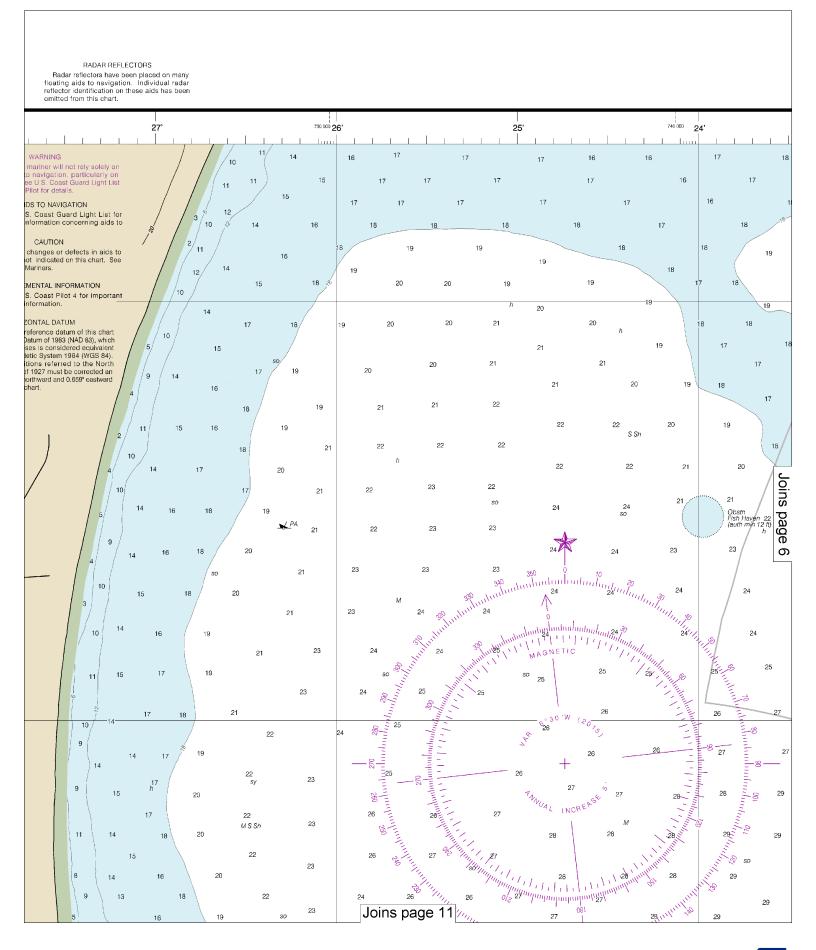
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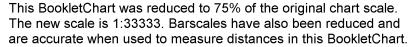


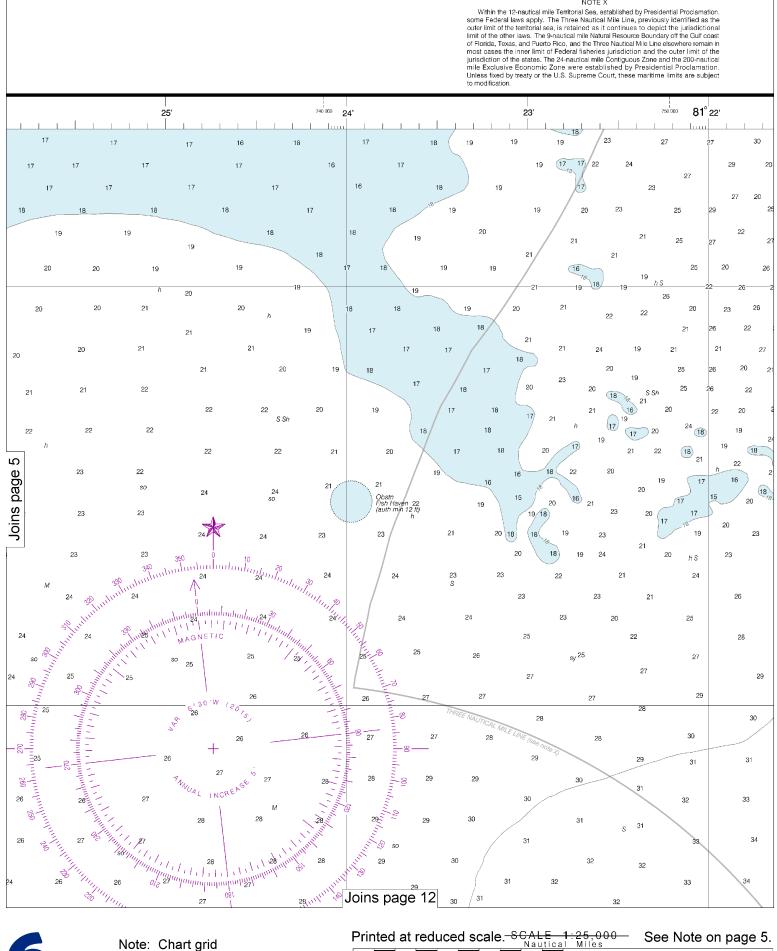






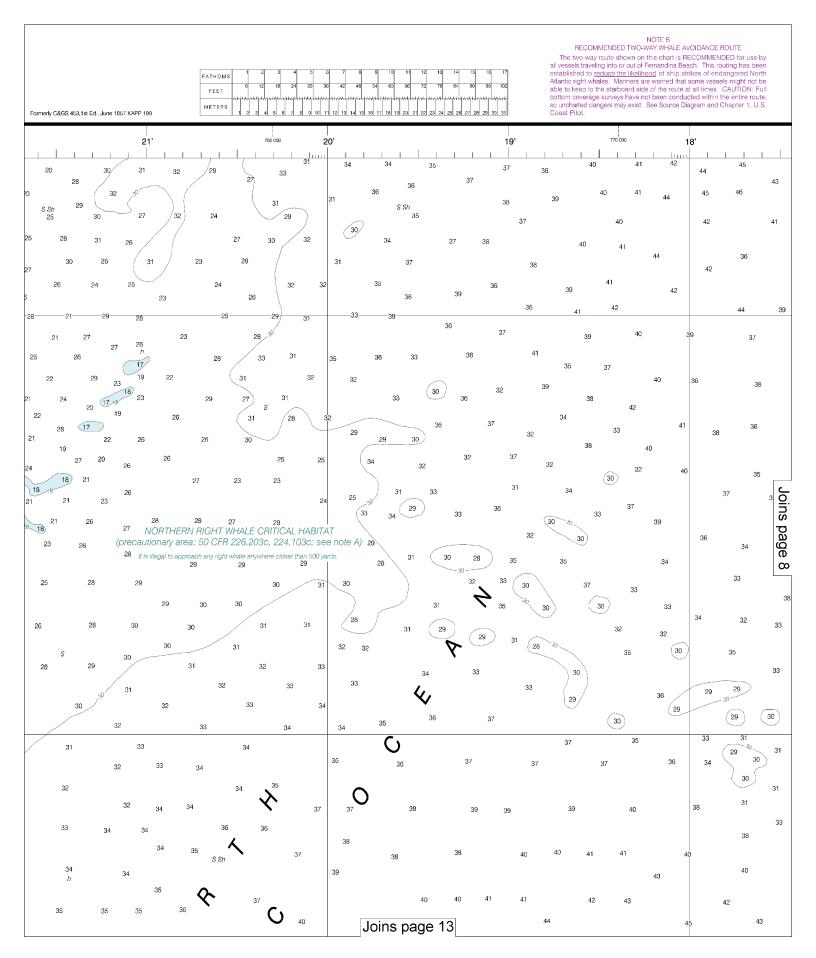


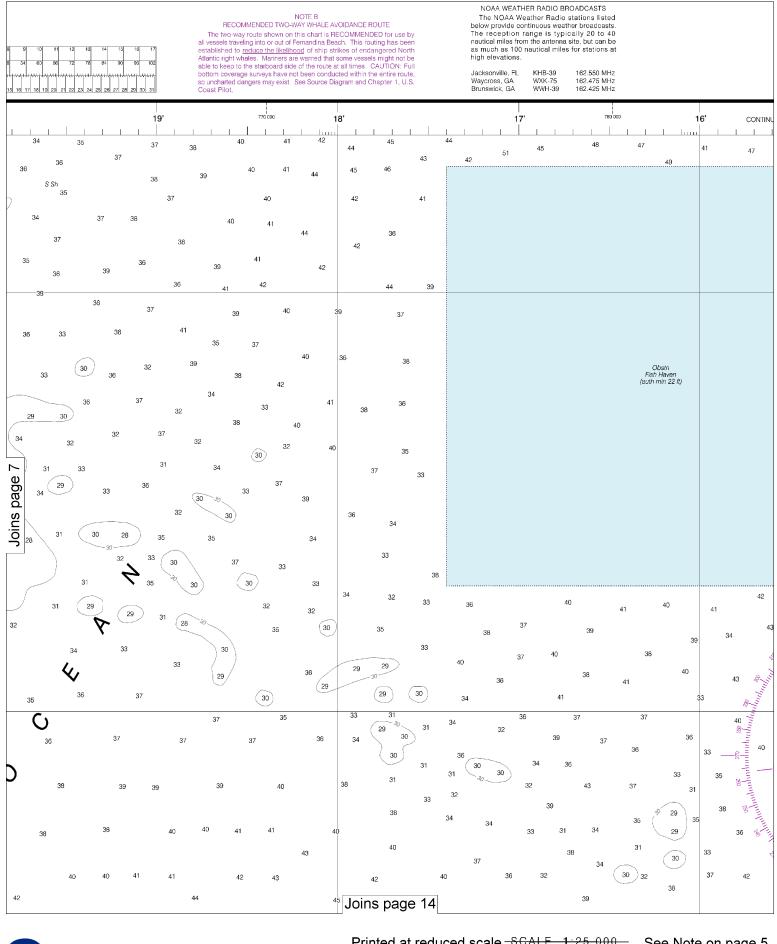




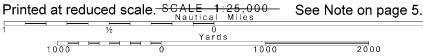


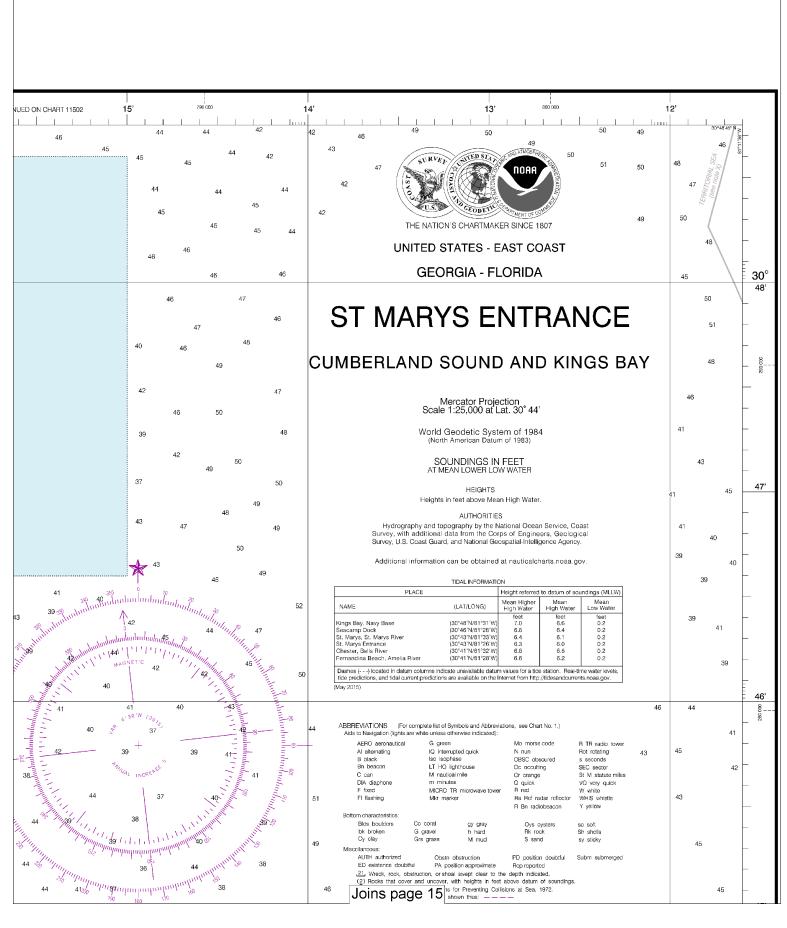


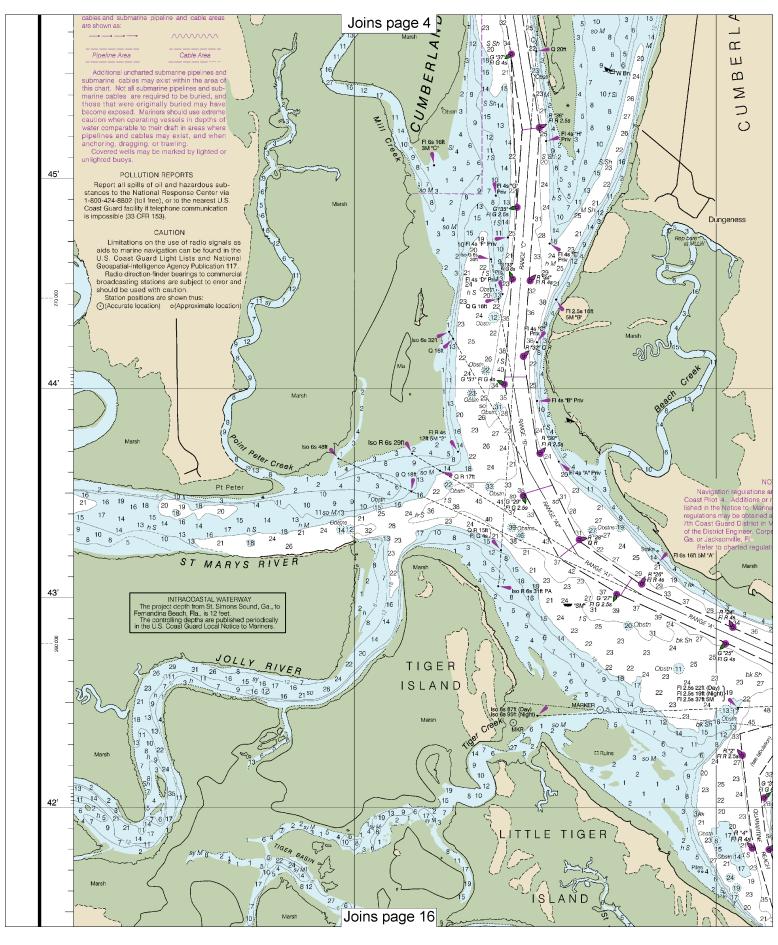


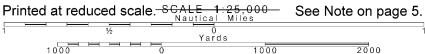


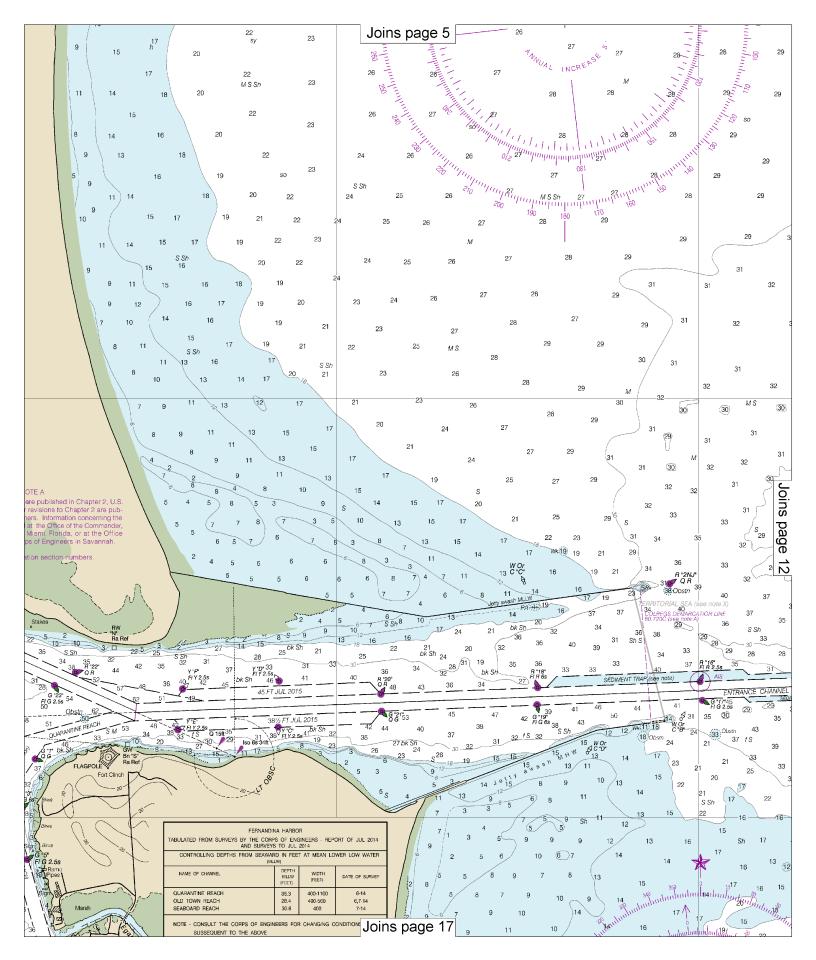


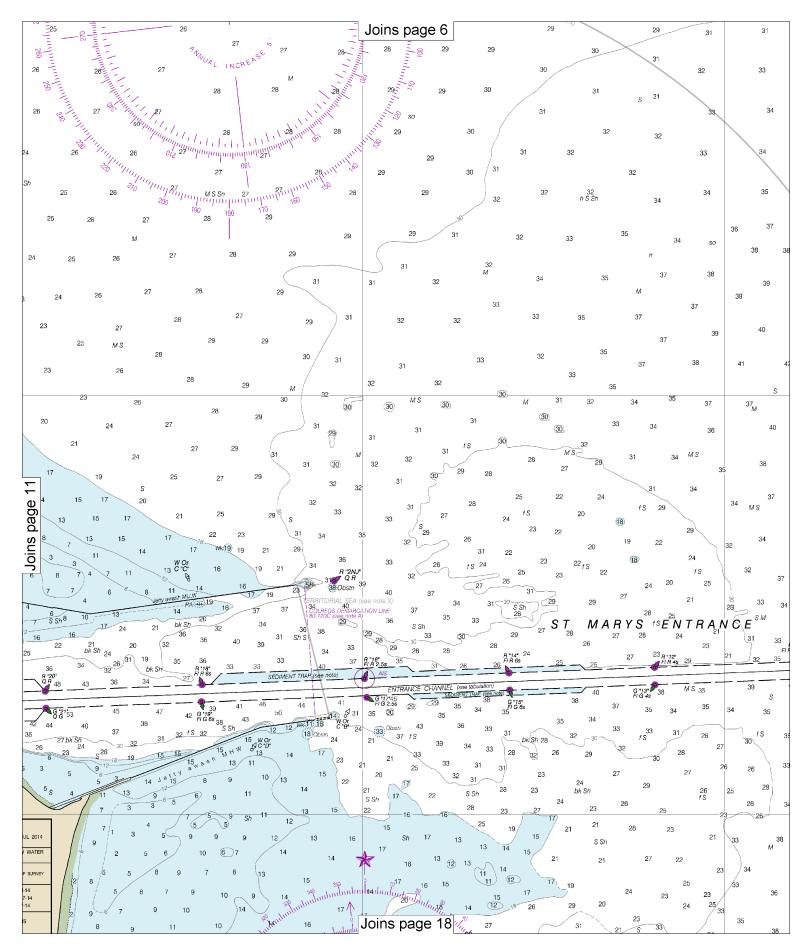


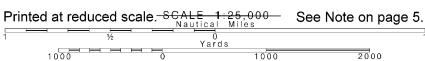


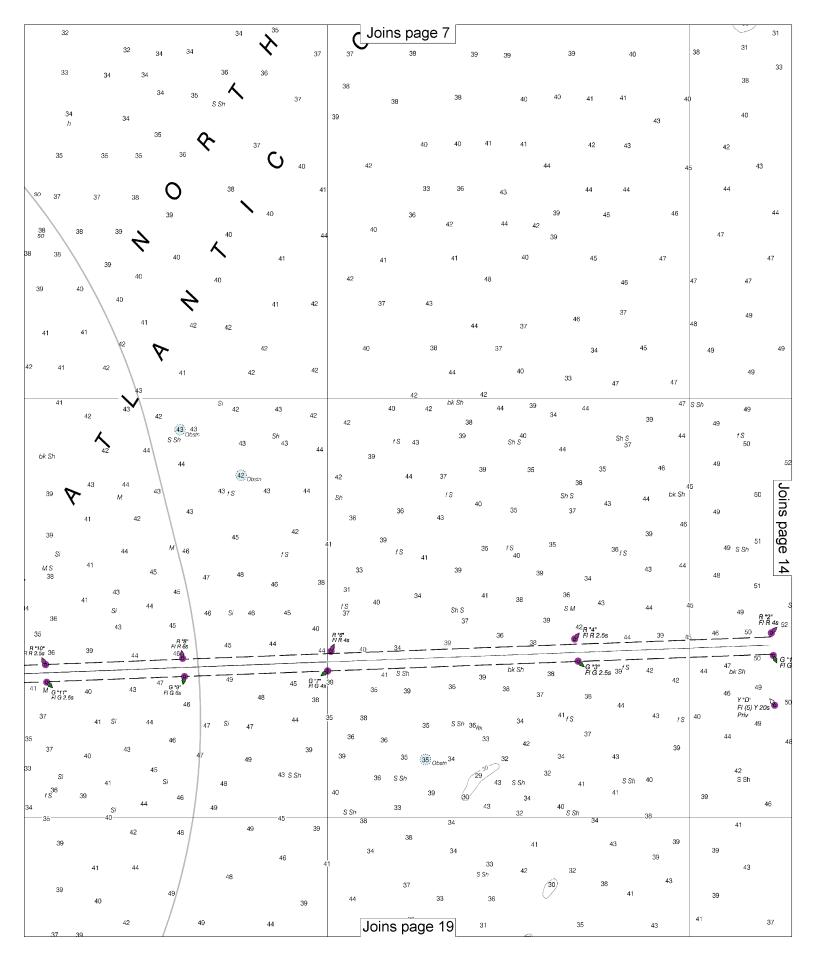


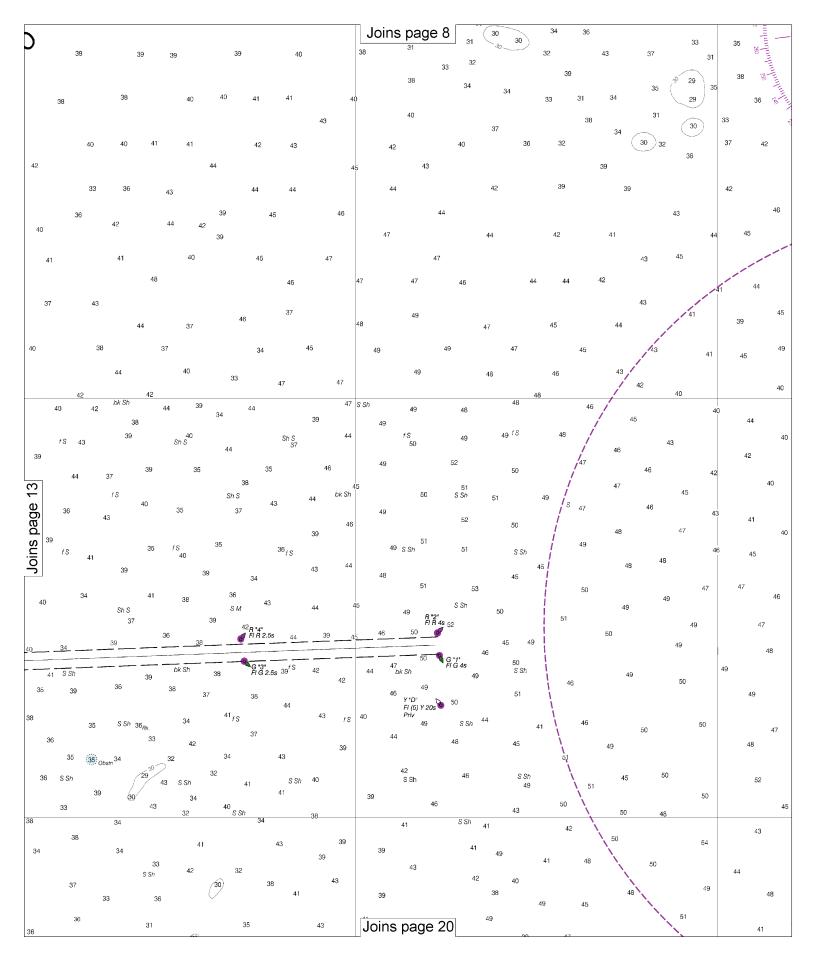


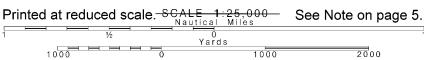


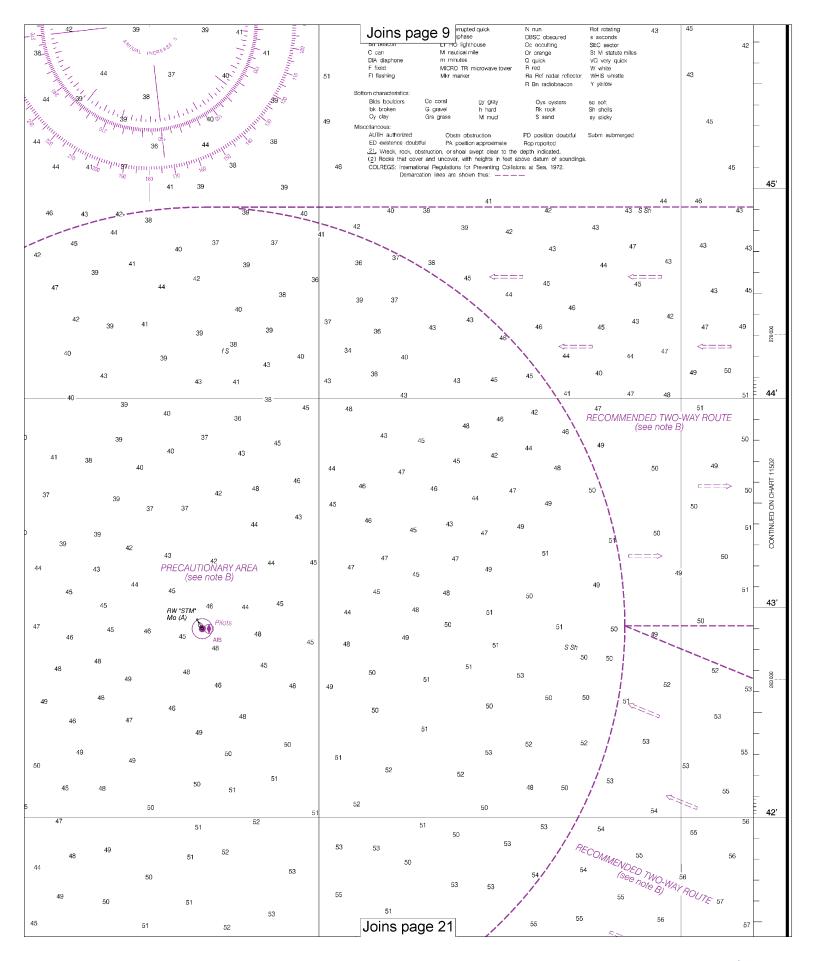


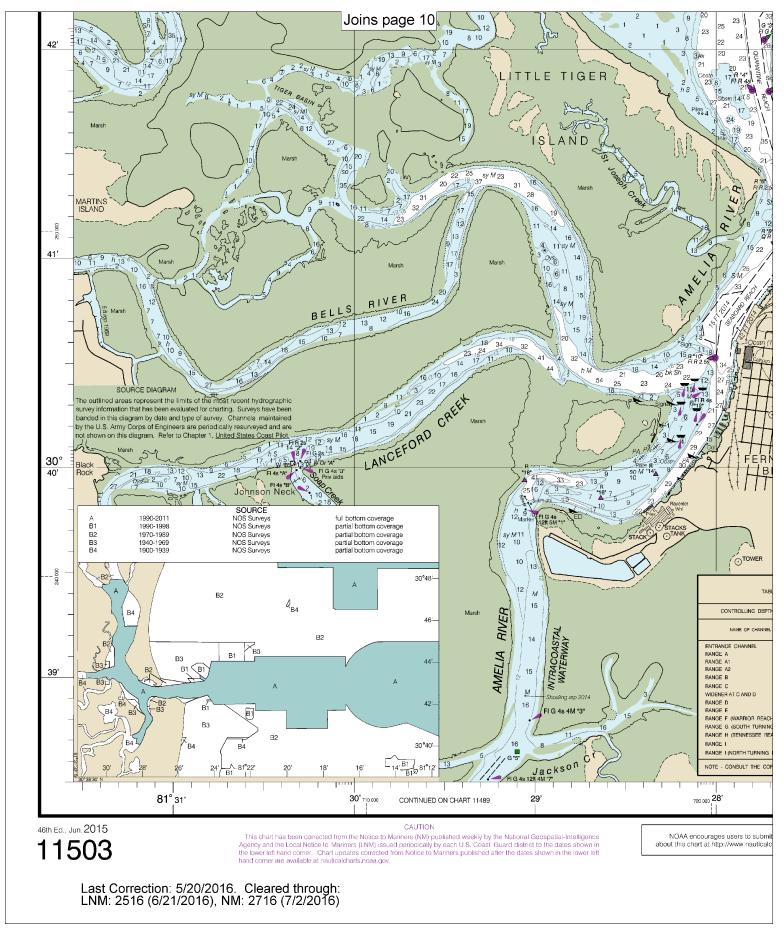


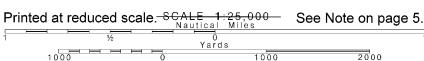


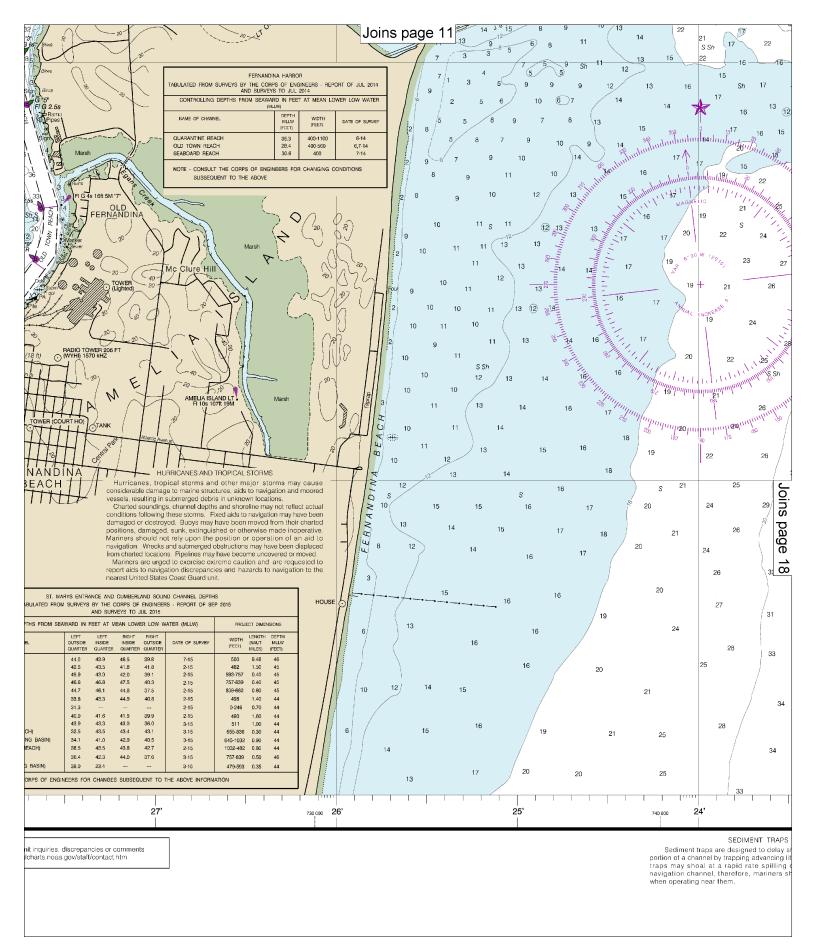


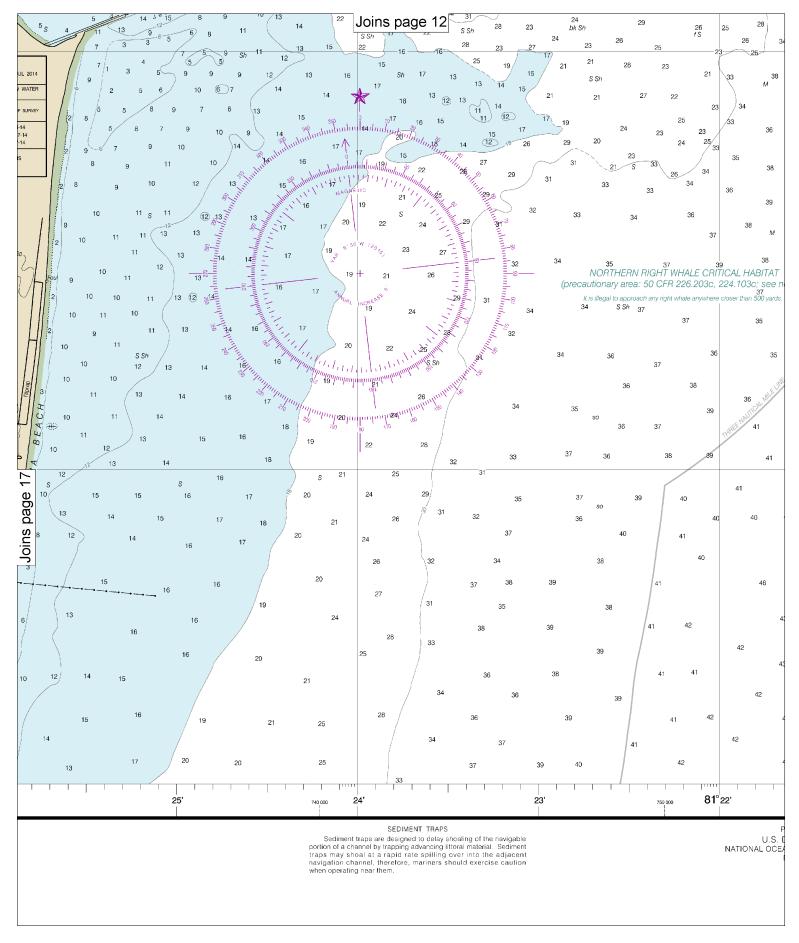


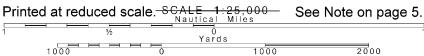


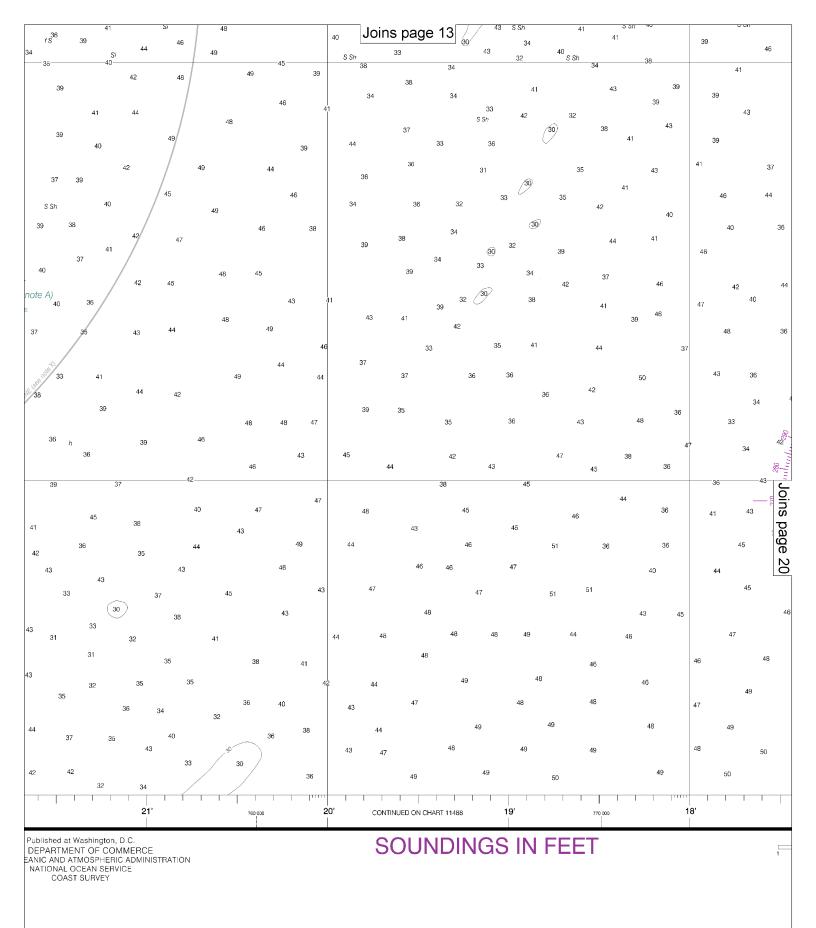


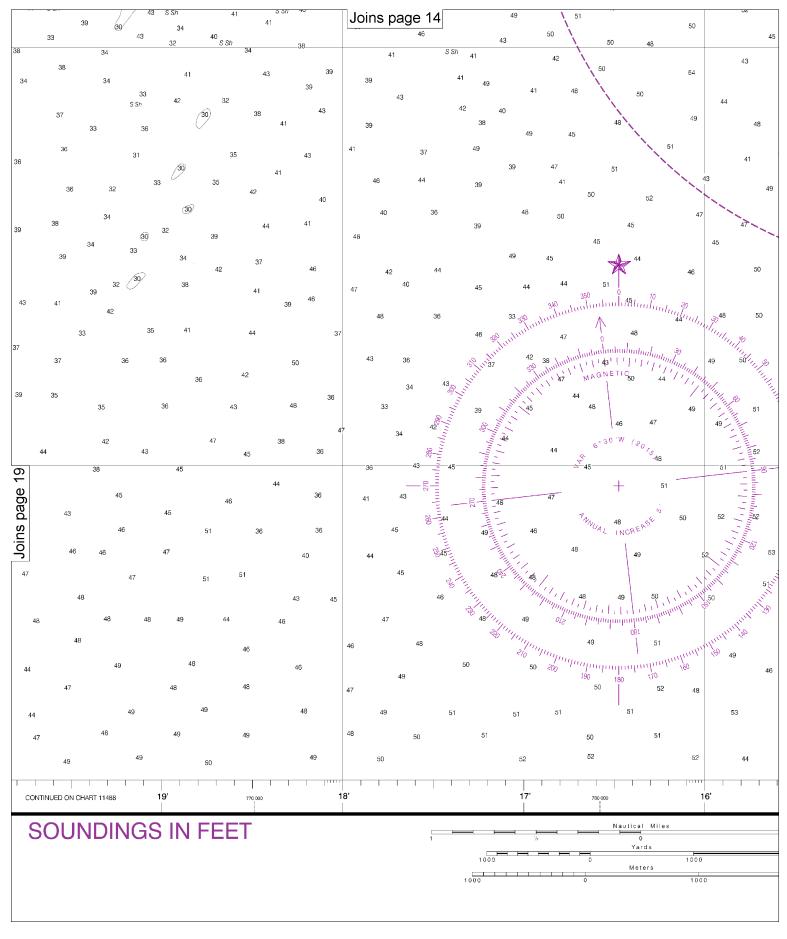


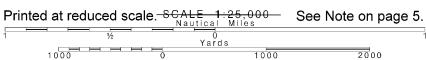


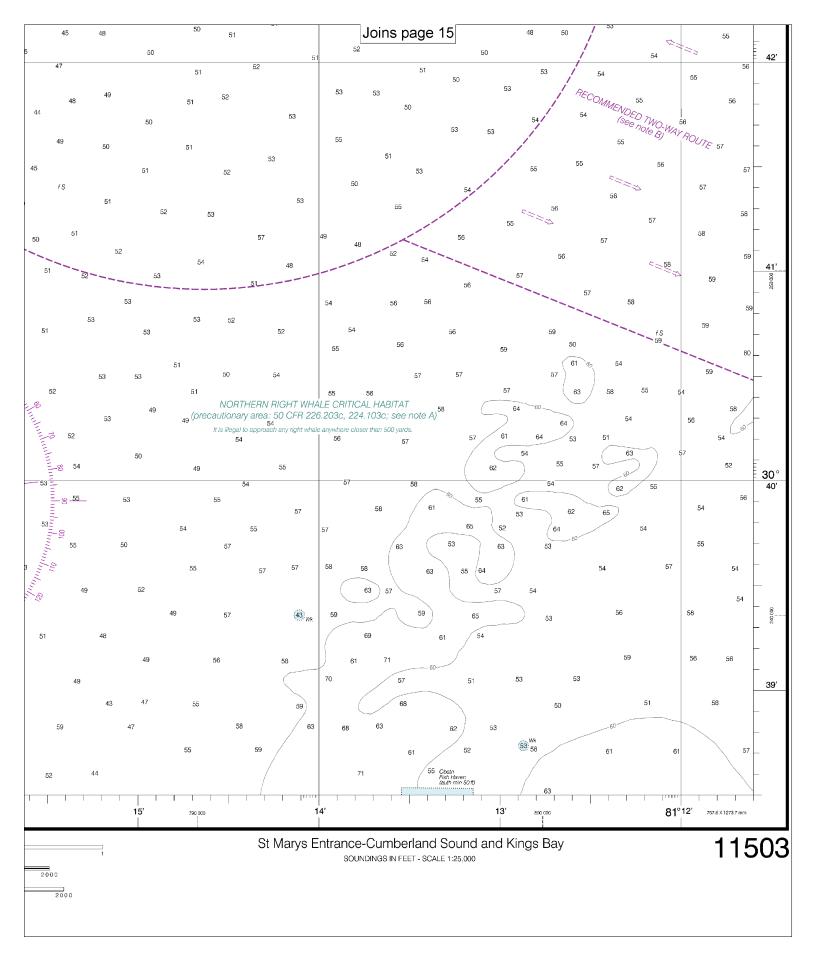














#### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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